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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed August 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was originally due September 23, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for two months to November 25, 2002, as the deadline falls on a weekend. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Petition to Extend Time two months;
- Check; and
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please replace claim 88 with the amended claim 88:

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88. (Amended) A method for modifying small molecules, comprising mixing a polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 and variants thereof, having at least about 50% identity to SEQ ID NO:1 and encoding a polypeptide having endoglucanase activity, with a small molecule to produce a modified small molecule. 81